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## Banks.

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED

ESTABLISHED 1880.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... Yen 24,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... " 18,000,000  
CAPITAL UNPAID ..... " 6,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... " 9,210,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:  
TOKIO, KOBÉ,  
NAGASAKI, LONDON,  
LYONS, NEW YORK,  
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,  
BOMBAY, SHANGHAI,  
TIENSIN, NEWCHANG,  
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
THE UNION OF LONDON AND  
SMITHS BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH: INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
On term deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HOSUMI,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1903. [10]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND: Sterling Reserve ..... \$10,000,000  
Silver Reserve ..... \$6,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ..... \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
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Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH.

MANAGER:  
Shanghai—H. M. BEVIS.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
On term deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1903. [13]

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. [14]

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... \$324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:  
Chau Kit Shan, Esq., J. Scott Harston, Esq.,  
Chow Tung Shing, Esq., J. Lau, Esq.,  
Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed ..... 5 %  
Hongkong, 12th May, 1903. [15]

### THE DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... Sh. Tael 5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES: Calcutta, Hankow, Tientsin, Tsingtau (Kiautschou).

LONDON BANKERS:  
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,  
UNION OF LONDON AND SMITHS BANK, LTD.  
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY  
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account.  
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. FIGGE, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1903. [16]

### TO LET.

NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE in FLATS.

No. 4, RIFON TERRACE.

No. 15, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, facing Race Course.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing Polo Ground.

OFFICES in course of erection, CON-NAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).

GODOWN No. 34, BLUE BUILDINGS.

GODOWNS, PRAYA EAST.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [1434]

### TO LET.

CHEAPEST HOUSES IN THE COLONY.

MORRISON HILL GAP ROAD. Nice Houses, 4 Rooms, Bath Rooms, Out-houses and Verandahs. Only \$40 inclusive of Taxes.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147, WANCHAI ROAD. Comfortable and Airy Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of Taxes.

S. A. SETH, Land and Estate Broker, Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1903. [1966]

### HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1903. [1455]

## Mails.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	MANILA ..... H. G. H. Lewellin, R.N.R.	Noon, 24th December	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	MAZAGON ..... W. H. S. Hall	About 26th December	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	PALERMO ..... E. G. Andrews	About 28th December	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI (Passing through the Inland Sea)	BENGAL ..... G. Phillips	About 1st January	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	SIMLA ..... F. R. Sumner	Noon, 2nd January	See Special Advertisement.
SINGAPORE and BOMBAY (Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers)	TIENSIN ..... H. W. Kenrick, R.N.R.	About 6th January	Freight only.

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [14]

### IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUER, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG; PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS; Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY, 23rd December.
KIAUTSCHOU	WEDNESDAY, 6th January, 1904.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1904.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 3rd February, 1904.
GERA	WEDNESDAY, 17th February, 1904.
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, 1904.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 16th March, 1904.
ROON	WEDNESDAY, 30th March, 1904.
HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 13th April, 1904.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1904.

\* Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1903, at Noon, the Steamship "KONIG ALBERT," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain C. Polack, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 21st instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1903. [563c]

## Intimations.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

#### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GOODS!

Fancy Leather Goods in Great Variety.

DECORATIVE TABLE GLASSWARE.

PRETTY DESSERT SERVICES.

### DOLLS AND TOYS.

TOM SMITH'S AND CALEY'S CRACKERS.

CROSSE AND BLACKWELL'S XMAS PUDDINGS!!

HUNTLEY AND PALMER'S XMAS CAKES!!

MUSCATELS. FIGS. METZ FRUITS.

ELVAS AND CARLSBAD PLUMS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. [732c]

### THOMAS' HOTEL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, comfortably furnished, and most centrally situated, being in close proximity to the Banks and principal business places.

For Particulars apply to

THE MANAGER.

### MACAO HOTEL

(Late HING KEE HOTEL).

This FAVOURITE and LONG ESTABLISHED Hotel is situated on the SEA-FRONT commanding a MAGNIFICENT VIEW of the Harbour and adjacent islands, and is open to the COOL SOUTHERLY BREEZES in Summer.

The BED-ROOMS are LARGE, COOL, AIRY, WELL-VENTILATED and HANDSOMELY FURNISHED. The CUISINE is EXCELLENT and under direct EUROPEAN supervision.

PIC-NIC, SHOOTING or BOATING parties specially catered for. A commodious and comfortable stern-wheel HOUSE-BOAT, with sleeping accommodation for six passengers and EVERY CONVENIENCE, is provided for the use of visitors AT REASONABLE RATES.

A MILITARY BAND PLAYS in the Gardens, close to the Hotel, three times a week. SEA BATHING.

STEAMERS to and from Macao, every MORNING and AFTERNOON.

WM. FARMER, Proprietor and Manager.

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## Intimations.

Bovril is an ideal food for the strong and the weak. Bovril imparts extra vigor to the healthy, greater strength to the ailing. Bovril is, moreover, a true friend in the kitchen. It adds nourishment, and gives a delightful "twang" to soups, sauces, gravies and entrees.



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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

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WINE MERCHANTS,

12 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Picnic parties furnished with wines, etc., at a moment's notice.

Contracts made on special terms with Caterers, Committees, Messes and Captains of Steamers. All Wines, Spirits and Beers supplied are guaranteed.

Price list on application. TELEPHONE No. 135.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1903. [1952c]



### AQUARIUS COMPANY.

The Aquarius Company's Table Waters are made of pure treble distilled water only.

Absolute purity can only be obtained by distillation.

AQUARIUS MINERAL WATER.

SILENT WATER.

TONIC WATER.

GINGER ALE.

GINGER BEER.

LEMONADE.

LITHIA WATER.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co., GENERAL MANAGERS.

15, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [12]

### OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

(ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.)

CODE ADDRESS: "YOSEMITE."

35 BEDROOMS EXCELLENTLY FURNISHED. BATH TO EACH ROOM. DINING ROOM AND CUISINE UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION.

EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN WINES, SPIRITS and BEERS. POOL AND BILLIARDS.

ENGLISH, AMERICAN, and MANILA NEWSPAPERS IN FILE. TERMS:—\$4.00 to \$7.00 per day. \$75 to \$120 per month.

JAS. D. M. CAMERON, Manager. Hongkong, 22nd August, 1903. [555c]

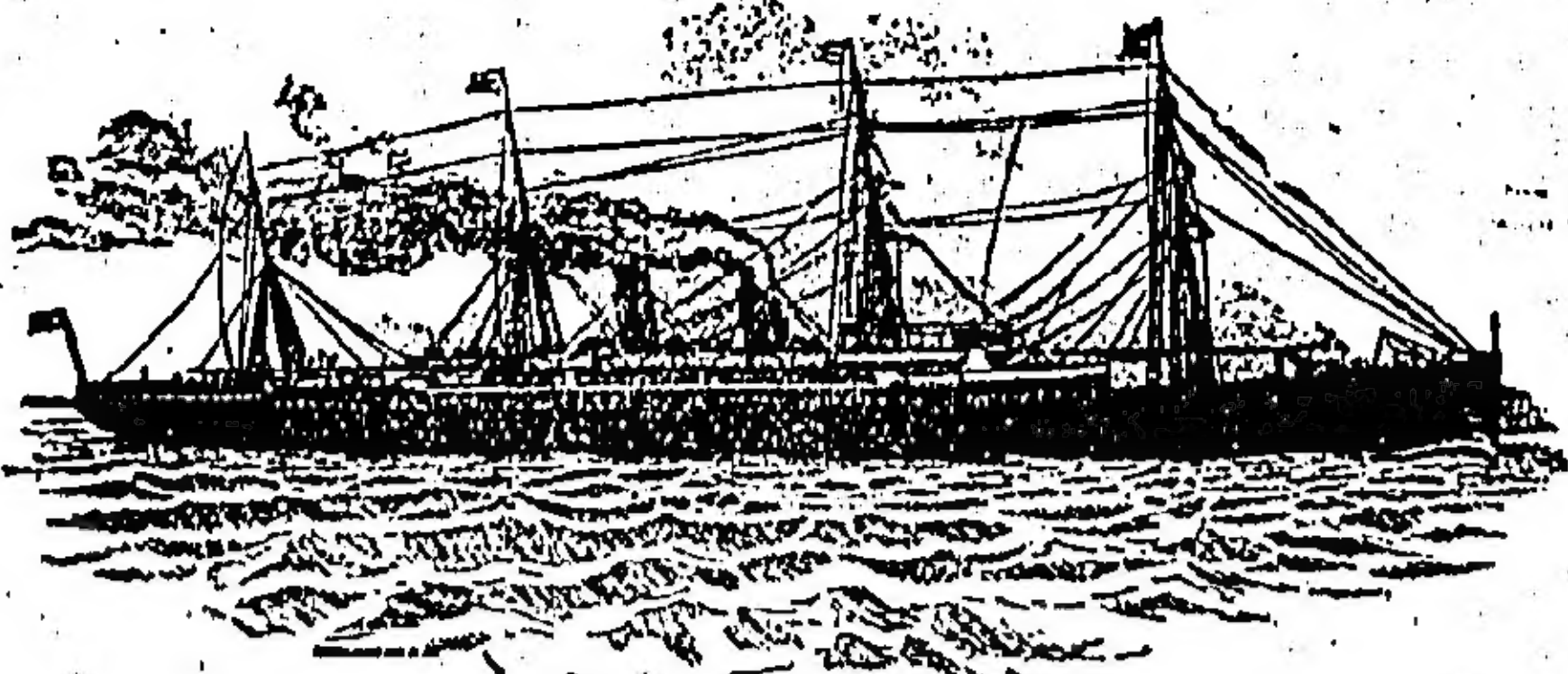
### GO TO THE KOWLOON HOTEL, KOWLOON.

J. W. OSBORNE, Proprietor and Manager.



## Mails.

## U.S. MAIL LINES.



PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S.S. CO.,  
TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"KOREA" .....	11,276 Gross Tons.	SATURDAY, 26th December, at Noon.
"GAELIC" .....	4,205 "	SATURDAY, 2nd January, 1904, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU" .....	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 9th January, at Noon.
"CHINA" .....	5,060 "	TUESDAY, 19th January, at Noon.
"DORIC" .....	4,784 "	FRIDAY, 29th January, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU" .....	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 6th February, at Noon.
"SIBERIA" .....	11,284 "	SATURDAY, 13th February, at Noon.
"COPTIC" .....	4,352 "	TUESDAY, 23rd February, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU" .....	6,307 "	WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The P. M. Company's Steamship "KOREA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Special rates (first-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are confined and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies and connecting Steamers.

## FEATURES OF THIS LINE.

The largest and steadiest passenger ships on the Pacific. Southern Route; passengers enjoy out-door throughout; deck bathing. The call at Honolulu, Oahu, the most fertile and beautiful island of the Pacific. The only line to San Francisco, the greatest port of the Pacific.

Sailings positively on schedule date. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

J. STUART THOMSON, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

## SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)

"EMPRESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA" .....	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1904.
"ATHENIAN" .....	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th January.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA" .....	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 10th February.
"TARTAR" .....	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 24th February.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" .....	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 9th March.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" .....	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 30th March.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA" .....	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 20th April.
"ATHENIAN" .....	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" .....	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,

Peckers Street.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.  
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, Oporto, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

## SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	
ARAGONIA .....	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	24th Dec.	Freight.
Forst .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).		
NURNBERG .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	25th Dec.	Freight
Jaburg .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).		
SAVIA .....	ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG.	1st January.	Freight and Passengers.
Deinat .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE).	1904.	
AMBRIA .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th January.	Freight.
Duckstein .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	1904.	
WURZBURG .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	23rd January.	Freight and Passengers.
v. Buzer .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	1904.	
ALESIA .....	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	6th February.	Freight.
Schofeldt .....	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	1904.	
NUBIA .....	NEW YORK	About end of December,	
von H .....	VIA SUEZ	or beginning of January.	

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

HONGKONG OFFICE.

No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1903.

## Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND  
WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LTD.

## HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM" .....	2,364 tons.	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN" .....	2,338 "	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
"FATSHAN" .....	2,260 "	A. W. Dixon.
"HANKOW" .....	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN" .....	2,850 "	J. J. Lossius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON, daily at 8 A.M. (Sunday excepted) and at 5.30 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. (Sunday excepted). These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.  
HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN" .....	1,998 tons.	Captain W. E. Clarke.
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Departures from Hongkong to Macao daily at 2 P.M. } Sunday  
Do. from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 A.M. } excepted.

## CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN" .....	2,19 tons.	Captain T. Hamlin.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K. C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

## CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM" .....	588 tons.	Captain B. Branch.
"NANNING" .....	503 "	G. D. Thomas.
"TAK HING" .....	503 "	K. D. Thomas.

Departures from Canton and Wuchow about five times every week. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have Superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—  
HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,  
18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Hongkong Hotel  
Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD

Hongkong, 7th November, 1903.

## Intimations.

PORTRAITS, GROUPS, ENLARGING, AND  
COPYING IN ALL SIZES.

C. W. CLARK,  
No. 4, ICE HOUSE STREET,  
Between Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road.

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ATTENTION.

FULL LINE OF SUPPLIES  
ALWAYS IN STOCK.

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COSTUMES AND  
FANCY DRAPERIES  
FURNISHED.

WORK GUARANTEED TO BE  
THE BEST IN THE COLONY.

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QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A FIRST CLASS HOTEL SITUATED NEAR THE BANKS AND PRINCIPAL  
OFFICES. EXCELLENT CUISINE AND WINES.  
Large and lofty Rooms Elegantly Furnished. Hydraulic Elevator.  
Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.  
Launch Service for Guests.

For Terms, apply to

THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902.

## INCANDESCENT GAS LIGHT.

The attention of consumers is drawn to the fact that  
the Undersigned, being Sole Agents for  
DR. AUER VON WELSBACH Co.,  
VIENNA,  
THE INVENTORS OF INCANDESCENT  
GAS LIGHT.  
ARE SELLING THE ONLY GENUINE MANTLES,  
The Price of which has been reduced to  
FIFTY CENTS per piece.  
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KRUSE & Co.  
CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

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DRESSMAKERS  
AND  
MILINERS.  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED  
SMART READY-MADE  
WINTER COSTUMES  
OF THE  
NEW FASHIONABLE  
MATERIAL  
NOW SO MUCH IN VOGUE IN  
LONDON.  
Hongkong, 23rd November, 1903. [1432e]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.  
In Casks of 37½ lbs. net \$4.75 ex Factory.  
In Bags of 25½ lbs. net \$2.85 ex Factory.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. [119]

DEUTSCHE WEINGESSELLSCHAFT  
DUHR & CO., COBLN.

STOCK ON HAND OF  
AHRLECHART, a red Ahr Wine at \$18.50  
GRAACHER, Moselle " " at \$16.50  
LAUBENHEIMER, Hock " " at \$15.00  
All per Case of 24 Quarts.  
Price Reductions for Larger Orders.  
GROSSMANN & CO.  
Hongkong, 16th October, 1903. [1259e]

## TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER  
guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid,  
and any other Chemicals.  
Price \$1.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts)  
or 6 doz pints.  
Special Price for Quantities.  
Sole Agents,  
SIEMSEN & CO.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1904. [199d]

## Intimations.

## THE YOKOHAMA DOCK CO., LTD.

## No. 1 DOCK.

Length inside, 514 ft. Width of  
entrance, top 95 ft.; bottom 75 ft.  
Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to  
pump out, 4 hours.

## No. 2 DOCK.

Length inside, 375 ft. Width of  
entrance, top 60.5 ft.; bottom 45.8  
ft. Water on blocks, 28.5 ft. Time  
to pump out, 2 hours.

THESE DOCKS are conveniently situated in Yokohama harbour and the attention of  
Captains and Engineers is respectfully called to the advantages offered for Dock  
ing and repairing Vessels and Machinery of every description.

The plant and tools are of recent patterns for dealing quickly and cheaply with work,  
and a large stock of material is always at hand, (plates and angles all being tested by  
Lloyds' surveyors).

Two powerful Twin Screw Towboats are available for moving Vessels in or out of  
Dock, and for taking Sailing Vessels in or out of the bay. The floating derrick is capable  
of lifting 35 tons.

Steam Launches of Steel or Wood, Lighters, Steel Buildings and Roofs, Bridge  
Work, and all kinds of Machinery are made on the premises.

Tenders will be made up when required and the workmanship and material will be  
guaranteed.

The cost of Docking, and repair work, will be found to compare favourably with that  
of any port in the world.

Telephone: Works, No. 508; General, No. 876.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

[573e]

## HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, THE PEAK, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions  
to Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,  
TO-MORROW  
(WEDNESDAY), the 23rd December, 1903,  
at 11 A.M.,  
at their  
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,  
Corner of Ice House Street,  
The Steam-launch  
"ON HING."

Now lying at YAUWAT, opposite Messrs. Mit-  
sui Bussan Kaisha's Coal Godowns,  
Built of Teakwood.

Length ..... 105 feet. |

Breadth ..... 18 " |

Engines ..... 8 feet by 24 feet. |

Boiler ..... 8 ft. by 9 " |

The Planks on deck have been taken off and  
are stored on board. She has 3 Anchors and  
Chains and everything in the Engine Room is  
complete.

Inspecting orders can be obtained at the  
office of the Undersigned.  
TERMS—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1515e]

XMAS! XMAS!  
THE Undersigned has received instructions  
to Sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
TO-MORROW  
(WEDNESDAY), the 23rd December, 1903,  
commencing at 12 o'clock Noon,  
(with an interval from 1 P.M. to 2.30 P.M.)  
at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,  
A LARGE VARIETY OF  
FANCY GOODS.

Comprising—  
ART BRONZES, PLAQUES, STATU-  
ETTES, CLOCKS, CENTRE PIECES,  
INKSTANDS, LEATHER WARE, GLASS  
WARE, VASES, FLOWER STANDS,  
MIRRORS, PHOTO FRAMES, BARO-  
METERS, &c., &c.

Also  
A Quantity of TOYS.  
TERMS—Cash on delivery.  
On View from TUESDAY, P.M., the 22nd  
December.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1520e]

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PUBLIC AUCTION,  
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at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,  
A QUANTITY OF  
CHINESE SILK EMBROIDERIES AND  
JAPANESE CUT VELVET  
PICTURES.

TERMS—As customary.  
GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.  
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Seal Capsule . . . 20.00 1.70D.—VERY FINE OLD VIN-  
TAGE, extra superior, (old  
bottled), Violet Capsule—27.00 2.25NOTE.—Port, after removal, should be  
rested for a month before use.Wine required for IMMEDIATE use  
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Invalids and general use, and are too well  
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FURNITURE  
DEALERS.DRAWING-ROOM,  
DINING-ROOM,  
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FURNITURE.ELECTRO-PLATED,  
GLASS, and  
CHINA WARES.PASTEUR'S MICROBE-PROOF  
FILTERS,ROCHESTER LAMPS,  
WHITE TURKISH TOWELS,  
COUNTERPANES.COOKING RANGES,  
KITCHEN UTENSILS, and  
HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.PHOTOGRAPHIC  
DEPARTMENT.DEVELOPING and PRINTING  
UNDERTAKEN FOR AMATEURS.GOOD WORK.  
PROMPT RETURN.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1903. [728d]

CARMICHAEL AND  
CLARKE,CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND  
SHIPBUILDERS,  
SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS.

REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.  
A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.

A. I. Code.

Lieber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [355d]

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1903.

## THE CHINA SQUADRON.

It may not be generally known that the Admiralty have been urged to augment the British naval force in the Pacific by greatly increasing the strength of the fleet at Esquimaux, at Hongkong, and by the mobilisation of a cruising squadron for the Far East. The appointment of Admiral Sir Gerard Noel to the China Station must shortly be followed by the decision of the Admiralty in regard to the incessant applications from Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, who is now hauling down his flag as Commander-in-Chief in these waters. His successor has served His Sovereign for over forty years and is a most able man in his profession and it is to be hoped that the Admiralty will carry out, without delay, any suggestion which he deems advisable to make for the protection of British influence in the Far East. In these waters at present Great Britain has four battleships (while another will shortly be joining the station), two modern armoured cruisers, eight protected cruisers and older armoured cruisers, six old cruisers, seven destroyers and six torpedo boats. Japan has six battleships, six modern and 17 protected and older armoured cruisers, four old cruisers, and a torpedo flotilla, comprising two catchers, 15 destroyers, and 58 torpedo boats. Russia's fleet consists of eight battleships, two modern armoured cruisers, ten protected cruisers and older armoured cruisers, two old cruisers, three catchers, 80 destroyers and twelve torpedo boats. France is represented by a single battleship, a couple of modern armoured cruisers, five protected and older armoured cruisers, two destroyers and twelve torpedo boats. Such is the relative strength of the fleets in the Far East, and a correspondent in China, who is cognisant of all the facts in relation to the matter, aptly puts it: "If war comes suddenly and the requests of the Admiralty remain unknown and unanswered, what is to happen?"

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MEMBERS of the Hongkong Police Force are giving a dance at No. 7 Station, West Point, on Christmas Day.

MR. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, has kindly forwarded to us a copy of *Financial and Economic Annual of Japan for 1902* issued by the Department of Finance.

As a rule, the exportation of rice in Canton is prohibited. Owing to the financial conditions, the local authorities there showed a relaxation of the rule, and this has met with much opposition from the five well-known benevolent institutions.

It is learnt that Prince Pu Lun, China's Commissioner to the St. Louis Exhibition, will leave Peking by the beginning of the 11th Moon (the next few days) for Shanghai, whence he will proceed to the United States by one of the mail steamship lines.

WE have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt from Messrs. Calbeck, Macgregor & Co., of two silver pencil cases, and from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Messrs. Dowdell and Co., A. R. Marx, and the Ostasiatische Handels Gesellschaft, blotting pads and almanacs.

RICE keeps steady at \$2.75 silver. It stood at \$4.00 before the new crop, which was excellent, came in. This was because of the export to the famine districts. A correspondent of the *N. C. D. News* hears that farther north the price is not much over a dollar a picul. When railways are more plentiful there will not be the same risk of famine, for the parts that have more can supply those that lack.

ON the 15th inst. at 6 p.m. the str. *Tahung Maru* collided with and sank a loaded sixty-ton cargo boat, near the New Dock, Shanghai. While the *Tahung Maru* was coming up the river, her steering-gear became jammed and she ran into the cargo boat which was lying alongside the str. *Argonia*. The damage sustained is not known, as the boat sank a few seconds after being struck.

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THE Acting Colonial Secretary has to-day received a telegram from His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Batavia to the effect that quarantine against arrivals from Hongkong had been removed.

THE *Sin Wan Pao* is advised that the Board of Commerce is at present occupied in dealing with the question of weights and measures with the object of making them uniform throughout the Empire.

THE usual tables are given, in the journal of the American Asiatic Association, showing the values of the principal exports from the U.S. to China and Hongkong in the first nine months of 1902 and 1903, in gold dollars as follows:—

	Cotton cloths.	Mineral oils.	Wheat flour.
1902.....	13,596,844	2,164,775	135,742
1903.....	8,102,537	1,186,307	144,559
To Hongkong.			
1902.....	21,034	770,176	2,802,574
1903.....	56,270	760,248	3,149,815

THIS Portland and Asiatic liner *Indravelli*, which arrived at Victoria, B.C., on the 27th ult., had a number of her life buoys smashed and her railing badly damaged from a buffeting received four days previously. Two of the boats were completely demolished, and two others were badly broken. The ship shipped sea after sea, and it was with the irresistible force of huge breakers surging over the steamer that the damage mentioned was done. Off the coast the *Indravelli* passed through a quantity of lumber and drifting timber as though some craft had lost a deck load.

THE following telegraphic information dated 16th inst. has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn- Bosch- en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, I.d.:—

	Gallons.
Daily aggregate output of Crude Petroleum .....	79,000
Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date.....	260,000
Kerosene made since the date of the preceding 3-monthly telegram .....	69,000
Kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram .....	79,000
Kerosene in Stock at Refinery at date .....	54,000

ON the 17th inst. at about 11 a.m. the C. M. S. *Kwangle*, outward-bound from Shanghai to Hongkong, and the I. C. S. *Eldorado* collided in the river opposite the Old Dock. The *Kwangle* was able to proceed on her voyage without delay, being only slightly damaged by a small hole in her port bow. The *Eldorado* had just arrived from Chefoo and was preparing to drop anchor at the time of the accident, the *Kwangle* striking her near the bow and stripping her side for some distance. Mr. T. Weir, marine superintendent of the C. M. S. *N. C.*, was on board the *Kwangle* at the time of the accident en route to Hongkong.

WE (N. C. D. News) have to thank the Statistical Department of the Customs for a copy of the *Customs Gazette*, July-September, 1903, just published. The comparative figures of the revenue for the quarter are as under, in Haikuan taels:—

	1903.	1902.
Chinese ports.....	7,585,655	7,725,609
Kowloon and Lappa.....	170,834	207,659
Lungchow, Méntze, Sze- mao, & Téngyueh.....	42,557	42,336

The revenue collected in Shanghai amounted to Hk. Tls. 2,199,668 against Hk. Tls. 2,716,154, there being a falling-off in import dues alone of Hk. Tls. 600,000.

THE *Universal Gazette* gathers from a Japanese contemporary that, on the 11th instant, the U. S. Minister, Mr. Conger, called on Prince Ching and inquired if there had been another secret convention between China and Russia as reported outside. The Prince promptly replied in the negative. When the Japanese Minister heard that the French representative had attempted to mediate between Russia and China over the Manchurian question, he called on Prince Ching on the 11th and advised him not to follow the French Minister's advice and give consent to any of the Russian demands. The Prince replied that China would not be induced by anyone to do so.

## A COLLISION CASE.

At the Supreme Court this afternoon, the Puisne Judge, His Honour A. G. Wise, heard an action brought by the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited against Wong Sai Kan to recover the sum of \$20 in respect of damages caused to a launch by junk No. 197 colliding with it on the 23rd November last—Mr. J. H. Oxberry said he had charge of the hotel launch, and, on the day in question, was returning to Blake Pier with five or six passengers from the S. S. *Sibiria*. When about 100 yards from the pier, he noticed a junk crossing his bows from the starboard side, and his coxswain, slackened down, allowing the ship to proceed across his bows. Suddenly the junk dropped her sails and swung round, and, although the engine of the launch was put full speed astern, the junk crashed into her port side and smashed the stern of the cabin. The coxswain was called and said he first saw the junk on the port side, and although his Lordship questioned him at some length on the point, he adhered to the statement with the result that judgment was given for defendant.

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## STEAM LAUNDRY CO., LTD.

The first annual meeting of the shareholders in the Steam Laundry Company, Limited, was held yesterday afternoon at the Works, the registered office of the Company, Causeway Bay, next door to Kennedy's Stables.

Mr. W. Hutton Potts, the company's chairman, presided, and there were also present Messrs. D. E. Brown (Director), C. Mooney (Secretary), F. G. Allen (Manager), Mak Fuk and Li Yuk.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—With your concurrence, I propose to dispense with the reading of the report of the Board and the statement of accounts, which have been in your possession for several days. As you are aware, this company is the successor to the Hongkong Steam Laundry Company, Limited, registered in August, 1901, whose assets and liabilities we took over on the 1st June, 1902, the shareholders in the old company receiving in exchange for the ten dollar share one of five dollars in this company, and those of us who were members of the old company have had, like many other shareholders in local industries, to pay for our experience by the loss of half of our capital; and under these circumstances we are the more pleased that we are now in a position to recommend a dividend of 8%, or 4% on our original investment. With regard to repairs and renewals (\$5,534.47) this may seem large for one year's work, but you must remember that work has been carried on continuously since September, 1900, and it was only during the period covered by the Account now before you that the machinery began to wear out, and repairs and renewals became necessary, though we believe they will always be a large item, so much of the plant being constantly wet, the washing machines in particular soon deteriorating. From the formation of our predecessor we have had innumerable difficulties to contend with, one of the principal being accommodation, the present building being badly designed and much too small, with no ground for drying in the open. The water supply was also a cause of great inconvenience and anxiety, it being impossible during the last two winters to obtain sufficient for our requirements during the one or two hours it was supposed to be turned on in the town mains, but, fortunately, after purchasing for some little time from water boats, we struck a good flow of water in the wells sunk in our compound. Another trouble was and continues to be, though in a lessened degree, the unreasonable claims put forward by some of our patrons for loss or damage, which if entertained would probably have caused the closing of the works. Some people seem to have an idea that because we are a Company nothing should go wrong, forgetful or indifferent to the fact that we have to depend on the native workman who has to be educated to our system, and his work closely supervised to ensure his natural tendency to fold up without remark a damaged or soiled article which is in many cases returned in a condition that brings discredit on the Laundry, it being quite impossible for the sorters to open up and inspect every article out of a daily washing of four or five thousand pieces. It has only been through constant worry and persistent effort that the above mentioned troubles have been partly overcome and we are able to show the present results. We can congratulate ourselves that ours is, as far as we are aware, the only Steam Laundry in the East that has survived native opposition, which always carries with it the pecuniary sympathy of the native domestic, and the fact that we have been able to carry on makes it evident that the cleanliness of our methods and the punctuality of our delivery is appreciated, and that our patrons no longer being doubtful as to where their clothes have been laundered, or have been lying for a week or more, are more inclined to look over our shortcomings. The accounts have been kept back until now, the money being required to meet monthly expenses, and it being safer to see how the current year opened before paying the dividend which we now recommend. We are glad to say that our earnings up to the present compare favourably with the same period last year, and with an increase in our already large ship work, this year should show better results. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions. There being no questions, I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be passed.

Mr. D. E. Brown seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

On the proposal of Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Allen, Mr. Brown, the retiring director, was re-elected.

The re-election of Mr. A. O'D. Gordin as auditor of the company was agreed to, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Brown.

The Chairman then intimated that that was all the business before the meeting and that dividend warrants would be sent out to shareholders to-morrow.

## MONOPOLIES IN TONKING.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS.

Owing to the difficulties of all native that have occurred during the last few years in the administration of the different monopolies, and the continual discussions arising between the Government of French Indo-China and the different farmers, the Cabinet, in Paris, have decided that, in the future, these concessions will be granted for the term of one year only.

A proviso, in each contract, leaves to the government the facility of repurchase at any time, within that period, if necessary. Instructions to this effect have been forwarded to the Governor.

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General, M. Beau. In the meanwhile, the authorities in Tonking have their hands full litigating the numerous claims for compensation made by several of the farmers. It is said that the new measure will have a depressing effect on big enterprises of this nature.

THE DECEMBER CRIMINAL  
SESSIONS.

## ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, Tasuke Inaba, a Japanese tallyman, was indicted for the manslaughter of a Chinese coolie, at Quarry Bay, early on the morning of the 8th instant. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. J. Hays, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The Attorney General (Hoo, Sir H. S. Berkeley), instructed by Mr. H. Hursthouse (Messrs. Denny and Bowley) prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, and the following jury was sworn to try the case:—Messrs. C. L. Gorman, Schumaker, A. Reid, G. Rust, G. H. May, S. Joseph, and J. Christie.

The Attorney General said, it was alleged that, while the prisoner was in charge of a gang of coolies, working coal on a Japanese steamer, at Quarry Bay, on the night of the 7th December, a dispute arose between him and one of the coolies, during the course of which, it was said by witnesses, he pushed the Chinaman over the side of the boat, with the result that the man was killed. The body was not recovered till some time after, and it was then found that the skull was fractured. The case for the defence, before the Magistrate, and he supposed it would be the same now, was that, while the prisoner was in charge of the coaling gang, the coolie was quietly spoken to regarding the way in which he was doing his work, and he became insolent and threw a lump of coal at the prisoner, who, thereupon, chased him. Deceased, in trying to pass over a plank between the ship and the wharf fell into the water, and the body was not recovered till some time later. Counsel pointed out that, if one man pursued another, and that the other, in fear of his life, fell overboard, without being touched by his pursuer, it would amount to manslaughter. There were several cases on the point, one of the best known being that in which the captain of a sailing ship was chastising a boy with a rope's end, and the lad, in endeavouring to escape, fell overboard. In that case the captain was liable to a charge of manslaughter. In the present instance, however, the case for the Crown was not that the prisoner was pursued and that in endeavouring to get away he fell overboard, but that he was pushed into the water.

Evidence was then led. Mr. Sharp, who appeared for defendant, stated that the case was a simple one. The coolie died from the results of a blow received in falling overboard from the *Mandau Maru*, and no one regretted the circumstance more than the defendant. He would prove that defendant had done nothing unlawful and that death was due to misadventure. Defendant, a tally clerk, was working at one of the hatches with two other clerks. They were there to prevent the coolies from "squeezing" coal, and it was therefore natural that these last did not regard them favourably. Defendant had been obliged to recall several coolies to reweigh their load. Just before the accident a lump of coal was thrown at defendant and he was struck on the head. It was not known who threw the coal, and immediately afterwards defendant saw, or thought he saw, deceased throw another piece. Defendant went over to the coolie with the intention of taking him to the foreman and lodging a complaint. The coolie ran off the ship, down a plank, to the shore. While doing so he slipped, fell into the water and was killed.

Evidence was then led. A verdict of not guilty was given, and prisoner was discharged.

GROWTH OF CANE SUGAR  
INDUSTRY.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, in its official crop report for November, announces that the indications are that the world has entered on a new era in the production of cane sugar. The Department quotes estimates placing the total sugar production of the world in the year 1903-04, at 10,445,800 tons of 2,240 pounds each, including 4,342,800 tons of cane sugar and 6,083,000 tons of beet sugar, and says as to cane sugar:—

"During the past five years the world's output of this product has increased from 3,000,000 to more than 4,000,000 tons, quantitatively the greatest increase ever made in any five-year period in the history of this industry. Moreover, for the first time in a half century the ratio of increase in the world's production of cane sugar has exceeded that of sugar made from beets, the percentage of increase in the former product for the five years being about double that of the latter."

"The four years from 1900-01 to 1903-04, inclusive, were each in turn record-breaking years for the production of cane sugar. The previous high record crop (3,530,000 tons) was that of 1894-95, the crop made just before the outbreak of the revolution in the most important producer—Cuba."

"The high record crop in the history of the world's beet sugar production was that of 1902-03. Since that date, there has been a decline in production in Europe, amounting in all to about 1,000,000 tons, but the present year's estimated output still shows a considerable increase over that of five years ago."

The report says that about 80 per cent of the cane sugar of the world is now annually produced on tropical and semi-tropical islands. Cuba and Java contribute about 45 per cent of the world's supply of cane sugar.

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## SUICIDE IN A HOTEL.

As mentioned in our issue last evening, S. J. Reubens was found dead in bed at the Waverley Hotel, yesterday morning. At the Magistrate's inquest, before Mr. Sercombe Smith, an inquiry was held into the cause of death. Dr. Hunter gave evidence to the effect that he had made a *post mortem* examination of the deceased, and found that the cause of death was carbolic acid poisoning. Evidence was taken as to the finding of the body of deceased on the bed in his room, and a European police constable, who was called into the Waverley Hotel, stated that he found deceased lying dead on the bed. The room was in great disorder, many papers being littered about. A tumbler, containing a quantity of carbolic acid, was on the table. Witness spoke regarding the removal of the body and the investigation of the room by Sergeant Sullivan. He found some letters on the table, one of these was addressed to Benjamin Esq. This gentleman was in Court and the letter was now handed to him by the Magistrate. After reading the contents he passed it over to Mr. Sercombe Smith. Another letter, addressed to the Jewish synagogue, was opened by Mr. S. Las, a member of the Committee. The letter was in Hebrew. Mr. Silas said that deceased wrote that owing to his strained financial situation he had decided, on taking his life. He asked pardon of the Jewish community for committing this act. The boys of the Hotel gave evidence concerning the conduct of deceased, which, on the evening preceding his death, was not in any way abnormal.

The Magistrate's decision was that death was due to carbolic acid poisoning, and that the poison was self-administered.

COINAGE OF GOLD AND  
SILVER.

The Treasury Department of the United States has given out some coinage facts from which we note the following:

The United States coined in the year 1902, \$80,000,000 in gold and \$71,757,600 in silver.

In view of the fact that the United States "theoretically" is upon a gold basis, how does it happen that the country can put out \$72,000,000 of silver a year—or within \$8,000,000 of the total coinage of gold—and still maintain that silver at a parity with gold?

It will be observed that the difference in the amount of coinage is so slight that a stranger would be willing to swear that the United States was still using gold and silver as "primary money."

Indeed, it was only a few years ago when the learned (?) financial editors of the United States, of the Republican stripe, were bemoaning the fact that there were more than \$400,000,000 in silver in the country—and scheming how the country could get rid of it. These gentlemen always alluded to silver as "flat money," or worth but "fifty cents on the dollar."



## TELEGRAMS.

(Ruler's.)

## Russia and Japan.

LONDON, 20th December.  
The Japanese Minister in London is receiving from all parts of Great Britain offers of services in the event of war with Russia. Viscount Hayashi is deeply impressed, but under Japanese rules no foreigner can be employed on active military service.

## Colombia and Panama.

A battalion of American Marines has been ordered to embark at Philadelphia for Colon. The Navy department keeps the plans a secret.

LATER.

Considerable anxiety is expressed in the best informed circles in London concerning the possible outcome of the situation in the Far East. It is quite certain that Japan will not accept the principles in the last Russian note which are quite at variance with her main contentions; moreover, it is known that Russia is assuming a more defiant attitude. The British Legation at Peking has received a telegram stating that war is possible, and Japanese representatives have conferred with New York bankers relative to a loan, possibly to be used for war purposes; the conferences were without result. Russia has also made a similar fruitless attempt.

(N. C. Daily News.)

## The Crisis.

Tokio, 16th December.

The Elder Statesmen and the principal Ministers are to meet this afternoon to discuss the strong representations which it is proposed to send to Russia.

Kobe, 17th December.

Yesterday's conference between the Elder Statesmen and the Cabinet is believed to have resulted in a decision against the acceptance of the Russian reply.

The Cabinet adheres to the policy outlined at the meeting with the Elder Statesmen in June last; to make partial concessions, is futile, and an enduring settlement of the Manchurian question is necessary.

The outlook is distinctly darkening. It was reported in Tokyo this afternoon that the dispatch of troops to Korea is imminent.

The Elder Statesmen were summoned to the Palace this morning.

London underwriters are refusing risks on Japanese bottom.

Tokio, 17th December.

At the conference yesterday between the Elder Statesmen and the chief Ministers it was decided to pursue a forward policy, in order to realise Japan's original programme, without yielding an inch; but the resources of diplomacy are not yet exhausted.

(Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

## Kaiser Götting Hunting.

Berlin, 17th December.

H. M. the Kaiser has gone to Götting to partake in the Court's hunting party.

## The Italian and Austrian Ministers on the Situation.

Count Goluchowski, at Pest, and Minister Tittoni, at Rome, spoke in the most emphatic terms on the lately renewed Triple-Alliance and the peace with regard to the Balkans. Count Goluchowski furthermore condemned very strongly the Serbian murders and the favouring of the Macedonians by Bulgaria. Mr. Tittoni denounced all those belonging to the Irredentists.

(ECHO DE CHINE.)

## The Shansi Railway.

The Chinese loan for the Shansi Railway conceded to the Russo-Chinese Bank, and which was placed on the Paris market last Monday has been over-subscribed several times.

## Recall of Japanese Military Attaches.

The announcement that the Japanese military attaches in Europe have been recalled is causing considerable comment.

(Far Eastern Press Association.)

Washington, December 18th.

The President has signed the Reciprocity Treaty with Cuba and the new law will become effective at the end of ten days.

Washington, December 18th.

The War Department, with the approval of the President, has accepted on behalf of the United States Government, the agreement entered into between the Philippine Government and the Vatican, through Monsignor Guidi, Apostolic Delegate, to purchase the friar lands for \$7,237,000.

Colon, Panama, December 18th.

The United States cruiser *Albatross*, carrying a large landing force of Marines, has discovered the Colombian army of invasion mobilized on the Panama border near the Gulf of Darien. Preparations have been made to land the Marines if the invaders attempt to cross the border into the Isthmus of Panama. The discovery by the *Albatross* has created intense excitement throughout Panama.

Honolulu, December 17th.

Rear Admiral Evans has arrived at this port with his fleet from the United States Asiatic Station. Orders are awaiting him here for the immediate return of his vessels to their proper station. The Admiral expects to begin the return voyage within forty-eight hours.

Buenos Aires, December 17th.

The steamship *Scotia*, with the members of the Bruce Antarctic expedition on board, has arrived here. All are well. The *Scotia* reached south latitude 70° 45'.

Asoy, December 17th.

The sea of Asoy or Asoy, named after this town, is receding. Almost all the shipping is stranded, and will be total losses.

Paris, December 17th.

M. Combes, Premier of France, has prepared a bill for the national legislature which forbids the teaching of children in France by any members of the religious orders. If the bill is made law, it will mean the closing of a number of famous colleges and convents. Combes is said to have assurance that the bill will pass.

Bangkok, December 16th.

The French army of occupation and great bodies of native troops are massing now on the frontier of Siam. Serious trouble is expected within the next few days.

Washington, December 16th.

A resolution has been introduced in the Senate for the annexation of Santo Domingo to the United States.

Washington, 16th December.

Secretary of War Root was a witness before the special committee of the Senate, which is investigating General Leonard Wood's administration in Cuba. He said that the press was misrepresenting General Wood.

Washington, 16th December.

Negotiations between the United States and the Republic of Panama have reached such a stage that the ratification of the treaty is now regarded as an assured fact. Great satisfaction is generally expressed at the result of the negotiations.

Mokpo, Korea, 16th December.

In a fight with the rioting Koreans at this place the Japanese Marines wounded seventeen of the turbulent mob. Great excitement prevails.

Washington, 16th December.

The President has directed that diplomatic relations between the United States and the Republic of Colombia be immediately severed. To this end Consul General Arthur M. Beaupre, from Illinois, has been recalled from his post at Bogota, and is now en route to the United States. He was the only representative of the United States Diplomatic Corps in the Republic proper.

(Japanese Exchanges.)

## The Tibet Expedition.

EXCITEMENT IN RUSSIA.

London, 11th December.

The *Cologne Gazette* has published a telegram from St. Petersburg to the effect that the British expedition to Tibet and the visit of Lord Curzon to the Persian Gulf have greatly excited Russian public opinion. It is feared that Russian prestige in Asia has been diminished.—*Mainichi*.

## Russia's Position in the Pacific.

MENACED BY PANAMA CANAL AND JAPAN'S NAVY.

London, 11th December.

The *Standard* considers that the construction of the Panama Canal and the establishment of Japan's naval power must compel the renunciation of Russia's dream of mastery in the Western Pacific.—*Mainichi*.

## Action of the Czar.

NEW INSTRUCTION TO ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF.

London, 11th December.

The Russian correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* hears that the Czar has given fresh instructions to Admiral Alexieff. They embody a policy of a more moderate character.—*Mainichi*.

## Attitude of Germany.

EXPECTED SUPPORT OF RUSSIA.

London, 12th December.

The *Morning Post* believes that Germany will support Russia's claims in the Far East, provided that she can obtain some territorial compensation for herself.—*Mainichi*.

## Germany and the Manchuria Question.

CHANCELLOR'S DECLARATION.

Berlin, 12th December.

In the Reichstag (Imperial German Diet) the Chancellor, Count von Buelow, had a sharp discussion with Herr Bebel, the leader of the Socialist party. He refused most emphatically to take part in the Manchurian question, and said that the policy of interfering everywhere was ridiculous. The Chancellor sharply disposed of socialistic ideas of the future State, also the socialistic criticism of society and the admission of socialists into the ranks of officers. A quiet though strong defensive attitude and the continuance of social reforms, he said, would be the best preventives against social democracy.

The Press unanimously acknowledges this speech of the Chancellor at its best and most advantageous stroke of work. The situation in the Far East is considered by the Chancellor and the Foreign Office in Berlin to be very reassuring, and the outbreak of a war is not expected.—*Deutsche Japan-Post*.

## The Re-Opening of the Dreyfus Case.

Saigon, 11th December.

The reporter of the Advisory Committee of the Dreyfus affair will present the report of the Committee's deliberations next week.—*Japan Mail*.

## The Dissolution of the Diet.

A WARNING TO RUSSIA.

London, 11th December.

The *Times* states that the extraordinary address presented to the Emperor of Japan by the House of Representatives constitutes a plain warning to Russia. It thinks a peaceful settlement has become less likely unless Russia is prepared to accept a reasonable compromise.—*Mainichi*.

## Death of Lord Stanley of Alderley.

London, 11th December.

Lord Stanley of Alderley is dead.—*Mainichi*.

## The French Strikes.

AN AMNESTY LAW.

Saigon, 11th December.

The Senate has adopted a project of law voted by the Chamber of Deputies granting

amnesty to persons convicted of being connected with strikes. At Lyons, 10,000 preparatory workers and dyers of silk have gone on strike. They demand an increase of wages and readjustment of work. Some demonstrations have occurred.—*Japan Mail*.

## Reported Russo-Corean Agreement.

Seoul, 12th December.

On the 9th inst. a secret agreement was signed by the Korean Foreign Minister and the Russian Minister to Seoul. The agreement stipulates that Russian officers shall be engaged when an emergency may render it necessary and that the Majors shall be paid at the rate of Y400 per month and Captains at the rate of Y500. These officers will be commissioned for service with each battalion of Korean troops, two officers to each battalion. Russian officers will also take command of the Imperial Body Guards.—*Hochi*.

## RUSSIA'S REPLY TO JAPAN.

REPORTED TERMS.

IMPORTANT RUSSIAN CONCESSIONS.

The Tokyo correspondent of the *Mainichi* gives the following as the gist of the Russian Government's reply to the Japanese proposals relative to the diplomatic difficulty. Russia will to a certain extent satisfy the Japanese demands concerning Manchuria with a view to securing an amicable settlement. Viceroy Alexieff's aggressive attitude will not be maintained. It is doubtful if the concessions as to Manchuria are of a nature that will satisfy Japan. With regard to Korea, it is said that the Russian reply completely recognises Japan's supremacy in that country. The delay in sending the reply is said to have been caused by great differences in the Russian Government concerning the answer which should be given to Japan.

In reference to Korea, the *Mainichi* correspondent points out that the Powers recognise Japan's financial supremacy in Korea, and Great Britain distinctly recognises Japan's supremacy there politically, by virtue of the Treaty of Alliance. Japan has demanded a similar recognition on the part of Russia. The Russian Government have attempted to lease Chikokuwan or Masampo with a view to preventing a menace to their interests by Japan securing the command of the Korean Strait. Russia has also instituted a vigorous policy in North Korea. It was also reported recently that she concluded a secret convention respecting the engagement of military officers. Russia has not shown a disposition to comply with the Japanese demands. If she now consents to recognise Japan's supremacy there, by entering into a new convention with Japan, Japan will not be molested in her movements in the peninsula in future. This may be only a reasonable concession in Japanese eyes; but (if it is made) it will be a great concession on the part of Russia.

In regard to the evacuation of Manchuria, the correspondent points out, if the Russian troops are withdrawn and Manchuria is restored to the Peking authorities in order to reaffirm the integrity of the Chinese Empire in the North one of the most difficult questions between Japan and Russia will be solved. However reasonable, it cannot be denied that it is a great concession to ask from Russia, having regard to her original programme to defer the evacuation and remain in possession of the provinces. It is, however, believed that a certain number of railway guards will be stationed there.

In regard to the establishment of Consular Courts in Port Arthur and Dally, it is pointed out that the legal status of Port Arthur and Dally will not be settled for a long time. The American Government have recognised the legal standing of Russia in these places, but the Japanese Government hold that the places have been leased from China by Russia and that Consular Courts in these places ought to be recognised. Russia is prepared to consent to the Japanese demand on this point, but in doing so she is really making a concession.

As to the restoration of Newchwang and the abolition of the Russian quarantine arrangements there, it is pointed out that the port is the only trading place for Japan in North China and the restoration of the place to China will be greatly beneficial to Japan. Russia has held the place and controlled the quarantine arrangements there in order to interfere with the trade of other nations. Russia's aim was to transfer the local trade to Dally. The abandonment of Newchwang by Russia has been strongly urged by Japan and other powers, but Russia has been most reluctant to give in upon this matter. Russia has, however, consented to grant the Japanese demand for the restoration of Newchwang to China, and relinquish control of the quarantine and Customs.

The correspondent adds that there may be subsidiary clauses in the proposed agreement, but the foregoing are believed to constitute the basis of the draft convention.—*Kobe Herald*.

## PLAIN SPEAKING.

The following is taken from the *Jamshed*, 25th November:—Sir Henry Blake, the retiring Governor of Hongkong, has felt himself called upon to defend his conduct against the accusations of the newspapers. Reuter says that, replying to a farewell address, presented to him before leaving Hongkong for Ceylon, Sir Henry referred to the press criticisms levelled against his administration, and strenuously denied that he had favoured the Chinese at the expense of the Europeans. That such an accusation was ever made is, in itself, a proof that among the European settlers in the Celestial Empire, or at any rate a section of them, the sentiments of racial superiority is allowed to run rampant, and such special homage to the white skin is demanded as a thoughtful and discerning person could not feel himself justified in accord. From the summary of the passages of his speech, given by Reuter, it would appear that the new Governor of Ceylon had both a manly and statesmanlike defence to

make of his conduct in this respect. He very justly held that "his duty as his Majesty's representative was not to destroy social distinctions nor decrease the respect due to the educated, upright and successful of very race, but to show that under the British flag justice was pure and unpurchasable, while all, from highest to poorest coolie, were free to think, speak and act as they like so long as they obey the laws." Brave words these, doing honour to the man who spoke them and the country he represented. Sir Henry Blake's speech will, we are sure, receive the approval of all thoughtful Englishmen; for they cannot but recognize that in it lies not only the key to the hearts and affections of millions of alien races, who own the sovereignty of Britain, but surest promise of its permanence. It is the policy such as that which Sir Henry declared himself to be subscribing to that has made England great and belied among Eastern peoples, and not bluster and political injustice; and, for our part, we cannot see a more hopeful sign for the future of Great Britain than that, in an age of racial bigotry, national prejudices and political narrow-mindedness, there are administrators like Sir Henry Blake to interpret so correctly their country's message to its distant possessions. Fortunate Ceylon in having a Governor who understands his business and responsibilities so well.

## CHINESE LABOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

At a well-attended special meeting of the Rhodesia Chamber of Mines it was resolved unanimously to request the Administrator to give effect immediately to the Immigration Ordinance, and to name China as one of the countries from which unskilled mine labour might be imported. The Bulawayo Chamber of Commerce, the Salisbury Chamber of Mines, and the Matabeleland Landowners and Farmers' Association have passed similar resolutions.

In a letter on the subject of Chinese labour, "Sigma" in the *Westminster Gazette* writes:—There is one important aspect of the proposed importation of Chinese coolies into South Africa for work in the mines which does not so far seem to have received adequate attention. It is apparently taken for granted by the mine-owners and their supporters in the Press that there will be no difficulty in obtaining an unlimited supply of coolies; and that any opposition on the part of the Chinese Government can easily be got over by squaring the local officials. There are, however, one or two considerations which render this method of procedure in the present case more than a little embarrassing. It is, I suppose, admitted that the intervention of the Imperial Government will be necessary in the first instance to obtain the sanction of the Chinese authorities before any coolies will be allowed to embark; and accordingly the task of explaining to the Chinese officials the arrangements under which these men will come on their arrival in South Africa will devolve on H.M.'s Consuls at the Treaty Ports concerned. If effect is to be given to the ideas of the mine-owners, these arrangements are to be of a rather unusual type. We are told that special legislation is to be passed with a view to preventing all intercourse between the coolies and the rest of the population; and to ensure this, when their work is over they are to be rigorously confined in the mining compounds. And so during the whole period of their stay in this British Colony these unfortunate men are to be forcibly deprived of their liberty, and on the completion of their contracts compulsorily shipped back to China. It is true that they are to be known officially as "Indentured Labourers," not slaves; but it will require a good deal of ingenuity as well as a competent knowledge of the language to make the Chinese officials understand the difference. If, in addition to this, our Consuls are required to connive at the bribery—for that, I suppose, is the meaning of "squaring"—of these same officials by the agents of the mine-owners, a state of affairs will arise which will not be favourable to the credit of either the Consular Service or the British name. As regards the attitude of the Chinese authorities to this new departure, the report of Mr. Ross Skinner, the delegate of the mine-owners who recently visited China, is apparently silent; but it is already known that the best Chinese officials are opposed to the re-opening of this traffic, of which they have had very painful experiences in the past, and that representations to this effect have recently been sent up to Peking by at least one provincial Viceroy. This is a question gravely affecting the character of our policy in the Far East. Is it too much to expect that Lord Lansdowne will interfere to guard it from degradation?

## COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

Shanghai advices dated 18th inst. report business done—China Steam at \$87 to Hongkong, North China at \$122, Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves shares at \$122/22 1/2 for March, Indo-China at \$15/5 1/4 for December, Tis. 54 for March at Tis. 53/54 for April, Farnham, Boyds at Tis. 127 for December, Tis. 128 for March, and Tis. 129 for April, Shanghai Lands at Tis. 104, Sumatras at Tis. 52, Maatschappij at Tis. 315 cash, Tis. 317 1/2 for December, Tis. 325 for February, Tis. 334/330 for March, and Tis. 337 1/2 for April, Pulp at Tis. 108 1/2 for December, Hall and Holtz at \$33, Astors Debentures 8 per cent. at 100.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

"Finance" writes to the *S. F. Press* on the 10th inst.—Since our last Note, Exchange has fallen one penny, and the price of silver two pence per ounce; this leaves the ratio out of order, for whereas on the 23rd ult. the ratio was about correct, since this last fall in silver, rates of exchange have not yet moved in parity, and have another three or four sixteenths to fall to put them on equal terms. If no steadiness or upward tendency therefore is displayed in the near future, we may look for a further decline in the rate. Four months' rate at closing is 1/9 3/8ths. This recurrence of the violent fluctuations in silver is a naturally most trying to business and commerce, more especially as the tendency is again downward, thereby involving the greater part of the commercial community in loss in important items which are always difficult to get prices advanced when the fall is so sudden and fast. It is to be regretted that in August last

when exchange was up in the neighbourhood of the two shilling mark, the Government could not see their way to decide on fixing at two shillings. There were not of course a sufficient quantity of the new Straits Dollars in the Settlements, but after the steadiness which prevailed right away from July to October in the neighbourhood of 1/11 and 2/- it is most disturbing to again be totally in the dark as to what your imports are going to cost you, with a margin of 10%.

If one were writing a review of the home share market under similar conditions as have prevailed here during the last fortnight, you would probably read "that owing to the rainy and unsettled weather, business has been slow and things are flat," but strange to say the last fortnight, if anything, has seen more transactions than usual, although of course it cannot be put down to the rain. These have taken place in Riley Hargreaves at 205 and 207, in Belats, a fairly new tin mine in Pahang, at 11 and 11 1/2, in Bersawahs at 16, in Straits Traders at 32, and later at 34 1/2.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.  
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer ... 1/8 5/16  
" Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/8  
" Credits, 4 months' sight ... 1/8 1/2  
" D'ments 4 months' sight ... 1/8 1/2  
ON BERLIN, (demand) ... M. 1/73 1/2  
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand ... 2/13 1/2  
" Credits, 4 months' sight ... 2/17  
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand ... 41 1/2  
" Credits, 30 days' sight ... 41 1/2  
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer ... 12 1/2  
" On demand ... 12 1/2  
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer ... 7 1/4  
" Private 30 days' sight ... 7 1/4  
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. ... 8 1/2  
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate ... \$11.75  
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael ... 60.00  
Bar Silver ... 25 1/2

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.  
To-day's quotations are as follows:—  
MALWA NEW ... @ 920/950  
" LAST YEAR ... @ 970/1,040  
" OLDEST ... @ 1,060/1,100  
PATNA NEW ... @ 1,192 1/2  
BENARES NEW ... @ 1,190  
PERSIAN (PAPER) ... @ 810/850

## To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 23rd December, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at their  
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, A GREAT ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, comprising:—  
OLD BRONZES, SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS, ANTIMONY FIGURES, PORCELAIN WARE, PICTURES, &c.  
TERMS:—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1533e]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.  
INFORMATION has been received from the Naval Authorities that the RUNNING OF TORPEDOES at the TORPEDO SUB-DEPOT at KOWLOON will commence TO-MORROW, the 23rd December, from 7.30 A.M. to NOON, and from 1.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. Daily, until further Notice.  
By Command,  
A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1525e]

ZETLAND LODGE,  
No. 525, E.C.  
A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 5.30 for 6 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1536e]

## "SHIRE" LINE STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"FLINTSHIRE,"  
Captain J. M. Haffner, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about MONDAY, the 28th instant.

FOR LONDON, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"DENBIGHSHIRE,"  
Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 15th January, 1904, to be followed by the Steamship  
"RADNORSHIRE,"  
Captain C. H. Burch, on or about SATURDAY, the 30th January, 1904.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"RADNORSHIRE,"  
will be despatched for the above Ports on or about THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.  
These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1537e]

JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.  
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS.  
By Appointment to  
H.M. THE KING  
and  
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES  
Supplied at all the LEADING CLUBS and HOTELS, and to be obtained from LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Queen's Road Central. [642e]

EYE-SIGHT.  
MR. N. LAZARUS  
May be personally consulted for SPECTACLES.  
No charge for testing the eyes.  
Glasses and frames of all kinds and qualities.  
Prices from \$2 upwards.  
16, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1903.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, respectively.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1534e]

## FOR SALE.

HEATH'S PATENT HEZZANITH BELL SEXTANTS.  
Other Makers: HUGHES, CARY & POTTER, &c., to be sold cheap.  
Apply—  
"BOX"  
C/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1535e]

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.  
Commencing TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY NIGHT), DECEMBER 23RD.  
HILL'S WORLD'S ENTERTAINERS  
Will play a short season, presenting for the first time in Hongkong a thoroughly High-class performance, introducing Star Acts from the principal cities in the world.  
THE BEST COMPANY AND THE STRONGEST COMBINATION OF TALENT EVER SEEN IN THE EAST is the unanimous opinion of the Press. The following are among the members of the company:

HILL AND SYLVIAN, IN POSITIVELY THE GREATEST CYCLE AND UNICYCLE ACT IN THE WORLD.  
A Continental Star Performance from the EMPIRE, LONDON, the FOLIES BERGERE, PARIS, WINTERGARTEN, BERLIN, and KEITH'S and ORPHEUM, CIRCUITS, AMERICA.  
KELLY and AGNAS, Comedy Sketch Artists, introducing Eccentric Dances, Acrobatic Comicalities and Mirth-provoking Finales.  
Miss LESLIE NORMAN, New Zealand's Greatest Operatic Mezzo-Soprano.  
LAZERN THE MYSTIC, From the Crystal Palace, London, presenting a novel and up-to-date exhibition of legerdemia.  
LEONARD NELSON, Just a Plain Comedian.  
FUN IN SHADOWLAND, A New and Novel Act by the Entire Strength of the Company.  
SPECIAL HOLIDAY MATINEE, SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.  
FREQUENT CHANGES OF ALL ACTS.  
Plan of reserved seats now open at Robinson's. Prices ..... \$3, \$2 and \$1.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [1522e]

## Intimations.

THE POPULAR SCOTCH IS "BLACK & WHITE"

JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.  
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS.  
By Appointment to  
H.M. THE KING  
and  
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES  
Supplied at all the LEADING CLUBS and HOTELS, and to be obtained from LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. Queen's Road Central. [642e]



## Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LD.  
JOINT SERVICES.TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA  
AND SUMATRA PORTS.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"	On 25th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 25th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEV"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOVUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, L'ON & A'WERP.	"DARDANUS"	On 5th January.
MARSEILLES, L'ON & A'WERP.	"YANGTZE"	On 19th January.
LIVERPOOL (With Transshipment at Singapore).	"YANGTZE"	On 19th January.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"TYDEUS"	On 29th December.
	"PINGSUEV"	On 24th January.

S.S. "CALCHAS" from Tacoma is expected to leave Moji on 22nd inst. for Hongkong.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
CEBU and ILOILO	"KWEIYANG"	23rd December.
MANILA	"SUNGSIANG"	23rd "
SHANGHAI	"TAMSI"	23rd "
SINGAPO and SHANGHAI	"TIENTSIN"	24th "
SHANGHAI	"NANCHANG"	24th "
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	30th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	30th "
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	1st January.

\* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unvalued table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

1 Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

1 Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

## Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers  
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric  
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.  
—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of  
Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)...	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)...	SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1985	A. H. Noley		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

## PORTLAND &amp; ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND  
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,

## PORTLAND, OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

## THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	Dec. 24, 1903.
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	R. I. Craven	Jan. 14, 1904.
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	Feb. 13, 1904.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

## TOYO KISEN KAISHA

## REGULAR SERVICE

## MANILA LINE.

BETWEEN HONGKONG AND  
MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unvalued Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROSETTA MARU	H. S. Smith	3,876	SATURDAY, 26th December, at 11 A.M.
ROHILLA MARU	Ernest Bent	3,869	

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, 100 House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1903.

## Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
HONGKONG-MANILA,  
REDUCED SALOON PAS-  
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric  
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-  
valued Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1903. [304e]

## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

## S.S. "WING CHAI,"

Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on Week  
Days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays,  
at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao, Week Days at about  
2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.FARE:—(Week Days) 1st Class (including  
cabin and servant), \$3; Return Ticket, \$5.  
2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class  
Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return  
Ticket including Cabin and Dinner either on  
board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays,  
\$5 extra will be charged for each cabin with  
accommodations for two or more passengers.WHARF—At the Western end of Wing Lok  
Street.The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip EVERY  
SUNDAY. It takes only 3½ hours to reach  
Macao.MING ON & CO.,  
2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1903. [1073e]

## STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw  
Steamer

"KWONG CHOW,"

1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONG-  
KONG for CANTON at 8.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS,  
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to  
Hongkong the following days leaving  
CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation  
for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted  
throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey.

Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-  
kong Harbour Master's Office.SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,  
No. 8, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1903. [322e]

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA  
LINIE.STEAM FOR  
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO  
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"BAVERN,"

of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
Captain H. Förmes, due here with the outward  
German Mail about WEDNESDAY P.M., will  
leave for the above places about 12¼ hours  
after arrival.NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
For further Particulars, apply toMELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [533e]

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公限有船輪華中

FOR MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SALINA  
CRUZ-MEXICO & SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Steamship

"CLAVERING,"

Captain Barton, will be despatched for the above  
Ports, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant,  
at Noon.For Freight, apply at the Company's Office,  
No. 20, Des Vaux Road.J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [436e]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR MANILA,  
THE Company's Steamship

"LOONGSANG,"

Captain C. S. Weigall, will be despatched at  
above, on THURSDAY, the 24th instant,  
at 3 P.M.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation  
for First Class Passengers, and is fitted through-  
out with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903. [1531e]

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR AMOY, SWATOW, STRAITS  
AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"AVOCA,"

Captain W. A. Faussel, will be despatched at  
above on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [1527e]

THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY,STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW  
YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"HIMERA,"

Captain Lockhart, will be despatched at above  
on about MONDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight, &amp;c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [1454e]

## "GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG,"

Captain Holman, will be despatched at above  
on SATURDAY, the 9th January, 1904.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [1517e]

## Shipping—Steamers.

## EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Commodious Steamer

"TAI ON,"

will run a SPECIAL TRIP TO MACAO, on  
SUNDAY, the 27th instant, leaving her usual  
Wharf West at 9 A.M. and return from Macao  
at 8.15 P.M. sharp.

TICKETS, RETURN FARE, \$2.

A Charitable Bazaar in aid of the Canossian  
Sisters of Charity will be held at the Public  
Gardens, San Francisco, (Praia Grande).  
Meals can be had on Board.RITCHIE & CO.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [1530e]CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS  
TO MACAO.

THE Favourite Passenger Steamer

"WING CHAI"

will run SPECIAL TRIPS TO MACAO on  
the 26th, 27th and 28th December, leaving her  
Wharf in Hongkong at 9.30 A.M. Each Day  
and Macao at 7.30 P.M., arriving Hongkong  
about 11 P.M.FARE:—Return Ticket available for Three  
Days \$5.The Steamer will also run on CHRISTMAS  
DAY leaving Hongkong at 8.30 A.M. and  
Macao at 2 P.M.MING ON & CO.,  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. [1514e]DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant,  
at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS, LA'RAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1532e]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE  
TO NEW YORK,  
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL  
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1903. About

"LOWTHER CASTLE" 24th Dec.

"SIKH" 12th Jan.

"SAGAMI" 26th Jan.

"AFRIDI" 9th Feb.

For Freight and further information, apply  
toDODWELL & Co., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [1539e]

## Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM,  
ANTWERP, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"WURZBURG,"

Captain von Binzer, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for  
consignation by the Undersigned and to take  
immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice  
to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be  
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,  
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-  
ing undelivered after the 22nd instant will be  
subject to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
HONGKONG OFFICE.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. [1508e]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods  
are being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out, marked by  
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as  
the Goods are landed.This vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, &c., S.S. Himalaya.  
From Australia, &c., S.S. Australia.  
From Persian Gulf, &c., B. I. S. N. and  
B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
3 P.M., TO-DAY.Goods not cleared by the 25th instant, at  
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any of the Godowns.Damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns for examination by the Consignees  
and the Company's representative at an  
appointed hour.All Claims must be presented within ten  
days of the steamer's arrival here after which  
date they cannot be recognised.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns.E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [4]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON  
AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain C. H. Burch, having arrived from the  
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being landed at  
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,  
Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-  
ing undelivered after the 27th instant will be  
subject to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 28th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [1546e]

## Consignees.

## S.S. "ANNAM."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S.  
Bagdad, Sinai and Midas, in connection  
with above Steamer, are hereby informed that  
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,  
Treasure and Valuables are being landed  
and stored at their risks into the Godowns  
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Go-  
down Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery  
may be obtained immediately after landing.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless  
intimation is received from the Consignees  
before NOON, TO-DAY, the 15th instant, re-  
questing it to be landed here.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed  
after TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at Noon,  
will be subject to rent and landing charges.All claims must be sent in to me on or before  
the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognised.  
All damaged packages will be examined on  
TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [1040e]

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg,  
acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-  
vatory:—On the 22nd at 11.40a. The barometer has  
fallen over China, risen in Japan.The anticyclone is spreading Eastwards over  
Japan, the highest pressure now apparently ly-  
ing over the E. coast of China.Gradients moderate with strong monsoon in  
the Formosa Channel, still rather steep with  
hard monsoon over the China Sea.

Forecast:—fresh NE. winds; fine.

Barometer 30.42 30.28

Temperature 55 58

Humidity 19 17

Rainfall — —

## CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

December 22nd, 1903, a.m.

Bar. Th. Hu. Wind Wt.

Vladivostok, 7 a.m. 30.28 10 54 N 1 b

Nemuro 6 a.m. 29.92 10 54 N 1 b

Hakodate 6 a.m. 30.05 — NW 4 —

Tokio 6 a.m. 30.18 — W 2 —

Kochi 6 a.m. 30.27 — NW 2 —

Nagasaki 6 a.m. 30.39 — NE 2 —

Kagoshima 6 a.m. 30.35 — N 4 —



## THE SHARE MARKET.

..... % = 80 cents per share for 1902 .....	\$94
..... Interim of \$6 for 1902 .....	\$157
..... First year 30.30 per share for 1903 .....	\$35 b.
..... Interim of \$1 for 1903 .....	\$52 s.
..... for first year 1903 .....	\$148
..... % for year ending 30.6.03 .....	\$28 b.
..... % for year ending 31.3.03 .....	Tls. 134
..... Interim of 10 per cent. for 1902 .....	\$11 b.
..... Interim of 6 % for 1903 .....	Tls. 104 b.
TON MILLS.	
..... Interim of 60 cents, making \$1 for } 1902/1903 .....	\$54 b.
..... % for period ended 31.10.1903 .....	Tls. 35 ex d.
..... Interim of 3 % on account of 1898 .....	Tls. 25 b.
..... Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898 .....	Tls. 40 sa.
..... % for period ended 31.12.00 .....	Tls. 170 b.
TOBACCO COMPANIES.	
..... % for year ending 30.6.1900 .....	\$350
..... First year .....	\$15
..... Interim of Tls. 3 per share .....	Tls. 51 b.
UNCERTAIN.	
..... % = \$1.40 per share for 1902 .....	\$25 s.
..... First year .....	18 sa.
..... Interim of 5 % for 1903 .....	\$144 sa.
..... % per share for 1903 .....	\$74 sa.
..... 10 cents for year ending 30.4.1903 .....	\$140 b.
..... 10 cents for year ending 30.4.1903 .....	\$124 b.
..... 10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1901 .....	\$140 b.
..... 10 for 1902 .....	\$145 b.
..... 15 per cent = \$3.75 for 1902 .....	\$48 b.
..... Interim of \$4 for 1903 .....	\$245
..... 18 for year ending 31.11.1902 .....	\$320
..... 14 for year ending 31.7.1903 .....	\$124 b.
..... Div. of \$24 for 1902 .....	\$140 s.
..... .....	\$5 s.
..... 10 cents } for year ending 31.5.03 ... {	\$94 b.
..... 29.70 .....	\$120 b.
..... Interim of 6 % making 12 % for year ...	\$154 b.
..... First year .....	\$15 b.
..... First year .....	\$5
..... Interim dividend of Tls. 74 paid } 15.12.1903 making 50 for Tls. 35 } for the year ending 31.10.03 .....	Tls. 315 sa.
..... First year .....	\$50
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